ROTHBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Interim Report of the M. O. H. for the year 1940

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

The Minister of Health directs that the report for 1940 be prepared on the same lines as for the year 1939 which refers especially to four points:-

1. Any matter arising from or connected with the war.

In July a further Evacuation of abo~~ve~~ut 120 children from North Shields was made to this district. On the whole the physical condition of these children was satisfactory, but a large proportion of heads were infested with nits, and required treatment I am able to repeat what I stated in my report last year that the physical improvement in these Evacuees becomes evident after a few months of country life.

2. Outbreaks of Infectious Disease.

There were 178 cases of Infectious Disease notified during 1940. This is a very large number for this district but no less than 129 of these were cases of measles. The disease which was very privalent throughout Northumberland was of a mild nature and caused no deaths.
The remaining 49 cases were made up as follows:-
Scarlet Fever 15, Whooping Cough 11, Pneumonia 9, Diphtheria 8, Cerebro Spinal Fever 3, Erysipelas 2, and Puerperal Pyrexia 1, Ten of these cases occurred in non-civilians.
Of Tuberculosis only two cases both Pulmonary were notified showing a considerable improvement on the previous three years.

3. Measures for Maternity and child Welfare.

A weekly session is held at the Cottage Hospital with a satisfactory attendance.

4. Any Exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health

I have nothing to report under this heading.

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